



Town of Garrett Park
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Regular Meeting of Town Council
Garrett Park Town Hall
10814 Kenilworth Avenue
Garrett Park, Maryland 20896

Town Council Meeting: 9 July 2018

Minutes

Call to Order: Mayor Kacky Chantry called the meeting to order at 7:42 PM. Present were Councilmembers Jane McClintock, Stephen Paczkowski, Phil Schulp, Hans Wegner and Joanna Welch. Also present were Town Manager Swearingen, Town staff person Elizabeth Henley, Town Attorney Ron Bolt and Ed Lincoln reporting for the Bugle.

Opening Remarks: Mayor Kacky acknowledged the great work of the Citizen's Association and many volunteers who helped organize a fun-filled Independence Day and make the celebration success. She also made a request for volunteerism around Town in general, adding that giving even an hour here or there can make a difference; that it can be not only be personally gratifying but also collectively unifying.

Approval of Agenda: Council added an update of the SRTS Project and an update on the removal of the Clermont Tulip Poplar tree. Council also moved the action item "Introduction of Ordinance and Agreement with Montgomery County regarding Parking Fine Adjudication" to prior to the Review of the June "Parking Lot" items. Councilmember Wegner moved to approve the agenda *as amended*; Councilmember McClintock seconded the motion; the council approved the amended agenda unanimously.

Action: Introduction of Ordinance and Agreement with Montgomery County Regarding Parking Fine Adjudication—Town Manager Swearingen explained that to handle the adjudication of the parking fines, we have to have an approved Ordinance and an agreement with the County to have them take those responsibilities. Town Attorney Ron Bolt told the Council that the agreement was well-crafted and provided the Town with the flexibility that was needed to have the process work under the terms that the Town requires. After additional discussion by the Council, the motion to introduce the Ordinance and Agreement was made by Councilmember Wegner, seconded by Councilmember Welch and it was approved unanimously.

Review of June "Parking Lot" items: Council member Phil Schulp raised the suggestion to assess all Tulip Poplar trees in the Town right of way for health and safety.

Presentations by Residents: Andrew Lyon (4504 Strathmore) regarding the unpleasant view of the old Tennis Court on Cambria currently being used as a dog park (ad hoc dog park) that is adjacent to the Town swimming pool's grilling/eating area. His suggestions: 1) return

tennis/basketball court to its intended purpose; 2) establish a committee to determine an appropriate place to have a dog park.

Resident Jean Horan (4419 Cambria), Pool Board President, explained that the old Tennis Court has been used unofficially as the dog park for many years, that there had been no complaints about the dog park that she knew of, and that the Pool Board has no concerns about the dog park. Resident Horan did offer the idea of cultivating an organic privacy screen to help block the view if necessary.

Resident Andrew Lyon also presented concern about Strathmore Avenue traffic related to safety concerns and made a request for suggestions for how to reduce or divert traffic.

Resident Steph Hooton (10708 Shelley Court) requested consistency of policy regarding parking regulations. She also expressed concern about speeding in the town. Town Manager Swearingen explained that the regulations relate only to parking, not to moving violations.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the June 13, 2018 meeting were approved as presented without objection.

Discussion:

- Status of Arboretum Plan Proposals—Councilmember McClintock. The Arboretum Committee has reviewed all proposals and have questions for the top 2 finalists. They will meet again and report their recommendation at the August 13 Town Council meeting.
- Town Hall Open House—Councilmember Paczkowski. This meeting was held just prior to the tonight's Town Council meeting and was attended by 21 residents, including council members and Town staff. Councilmember Paczkowski presented history and slides of Town Hall and said that there would be a follow up meeting in September or October.
- Update on the County's Improvements to Wells Park—Councilmember Welch. The old equipment has been removed, the contractor is repairing the grade of the path for ADA compliance, and installing storm water management for the path. The estimated completion is the end of August. There are other stormwater management aspects of Wells Park to be explored with the County after this project is completed.
- Added to the amended agenda: Update on the SRIS Project. Clark/Azar Engineers are continuing to update the project cost estimates and preparing the bid package for State Highway review.
- Added to the amended agenda: Update on removal of Clermont Tulip Poplar tree. Town Manager Swearingen Reported that the DNR permit had been received for the removal. David Gregg Tree Service will remove the tree during the week of July 13.

Town Manager Report:

- The June financial report is attached to these minutes.

Adjournment: Mayor Kacky adjourned the meeting at 9:40 PM.



Respectfully submitted,

Gene Swearingen, Clerk-Treasurer

